

MEMORANDUM

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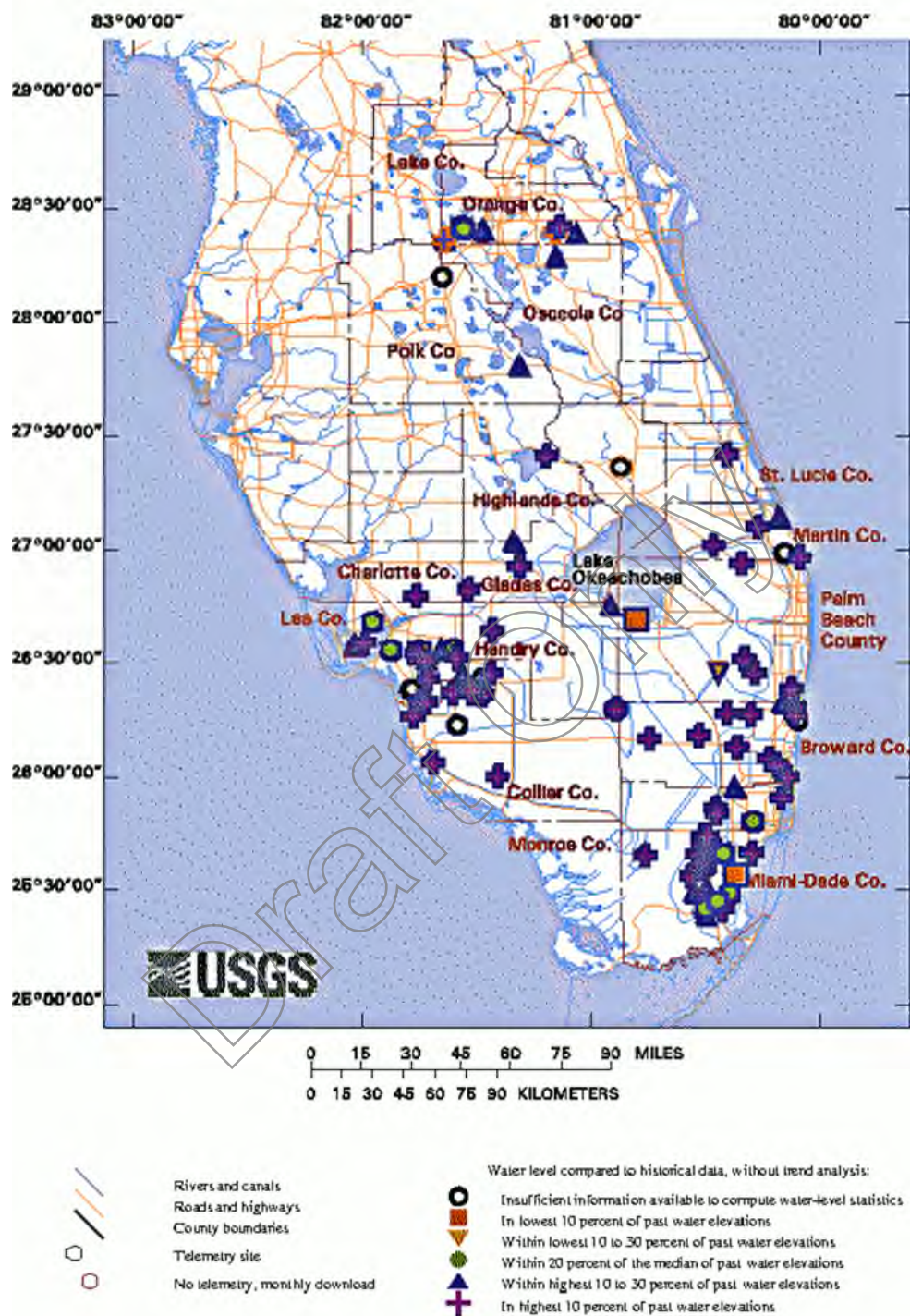
SUBJECT: Water Supply Report

District-wide Conditions

Surface and groundwater levels showed mixed trends throughout the District over the last week. The majority of United States Geological Survey (USGS) real-time wells in the Kissimmee Basin (KB) within the District boundaries were in the median percentile range or higher for this time of year. Approximately two thirds of the surface and groundwater stations across the KB recorded decreases in water levels during the last seven days. Stages in the Upper East Coast (UEC) canals C-23, C-24, and C-25 were at 21.70, 19.98, and 19.52 feet, respectively, well above the 14 feet NGVD agricultural cutoff level. Most UEC surficial aquifer wells are in the upper 10th percentile range for this time of year. Surface and groundwater levels decreased in about half of stations in the Biscayne aquifer. Approximately three quarters of the USGS Biscayne aquifer monitor wells are still in their upper 10th percentile range at this time.

In the Lower West Coast (LWC), groundwater levels decreased in almost half of the monitor wells over the last seven days. The majority of the wells in the surficial, Lower Tamiami, and Sandstone aquifers are in the upper 10th to 30th percentile range or higher for this time of year. Approximately eighty percent of the Mid-Hawthorn aquifer wells are at median levels or higher for this time of year, with the remainder in the lowest 10th percentile range. **Figure 1** is a USGS map showing conditions on February 21st, 2016, from a 7-day running average of daily recorded water levels compared to the statistical distribution of daily water levels for the period of record for selected sites in southern Florida.

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**Water levels at selected sites in South Florida,
Based on PROVISIONAL DATA, as of February 21, 2016.**

**Figure 1. Current Water-level Conditions in South Florida (source: USGS,
http://www.sflorida.er.usgs.gov/ddn_data/index_ndt.html)**

Water Supply Technical Input to LORS2008

The Palmer Index for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) Tributary Conditions is 1.45, classified as “normal,” and is in the “low” risk category. The LOK stage for the next two months is projected to be in the Intermediate Flow Sub-Band, and the risk to water supply is categorized as “low.” The Climate Prediction Center’s (CPC) Precipitation Outlook is projected as “above normal” for one month and “above normal” for three months, leaving both the one month outlook and the three month outlook in the “low” risk category. The LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is in the “normal to extremely wet” range, with “low” risk to water supply. The Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is projected as “wet,” with “low” risk to water supply. The stages in the Water Conservation Areas are all above line 1 and are in the “low” risk category. Groundwater levels in LEC Service Areas are in the “low” risk category. The Year-Round Irrigation Rule is in effect for the LEC Service Areas. **Figure 2** summarizes the water supply risk indicators.

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LORS2008 Implementation on 2/22/2016 (ENSO El Nino Condition):

Water Supply Department Technical Input

Water Supply Outlook:

District wide, Raindar rainfall 0.96 inches for the week ending 2/22/2016. Lake stage on 2/22/2016 is 16.11 ft, down 0.10 ft from last week.

The updated January 2016 SFWMM Dynamic Position Analysis [percentile graph](#) and [tracking chart](#) for Lake Okeechobee show that the lake stage is in the Intermediate Operational Sub-Band.

The LORS2008 tributary [indices](#) are classified as **Very Wet**. The PDSI indicates normal condition and the LONIN is Very Wet. The classification is based on the wetter of the two.

Water Supply Risk Evaluation

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	*Intermediate Flow Sub-Band	L
	Palmer Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	1.45 (Normal)	L
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Above Normal	L
		3 months: Above Normal	L
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast	2.19 ft	L
	AMO warm/El Nino	(Normal to Extremely Wet)	L
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast	4.04 ft (Wet)	L
WCAs	AMO warm/El Nino		
	WCA 1: Site 1-7, Site 1-8T, & Site 1-9 Average	Above Line 1 (16.91 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17 HW	Above Line1 (13.51 ft)	L
LEC	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Site 63, 64 and 65)	Above Line 1 (11.50 ft)	L
	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L

Note: The water supply risk classification based on the Palmer index, as well as the LOK seasonal and multi-seasonal net inflow forecasts use slightly different classification intervals than those used by the 2008-LORS for classifying the tributary hydrologic condition (THC).

Figure 2. Water Supply Risk Indicators